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The Provincial Government of Ontario, Canada.

GLASGOW, August 15th, 1879.

GENTLEMEN,

In sending in my application for the Professorship of Classical Literature in University College, Toronto, I have not had time or opportunity, owing to residence abroad, to get some Testimonials which my friends gave me last spring altered to suit the occasion. I desire, therefore, that you will excuse my forwarding them as they are.

I am twenty-four years of age, being the son of a Glasgow solicitor. I was educated in the Glasgow Academy, from which I went to the University of the same city. After a five years' course I graduated, and, obtaining a Snell Exhibition, became a Member of Balliol College, Oxford.

I have just completed my course there, during which I obtained, in 1877, First Class Honours in the First Public Examination; in 1878 I was placed "proxime accessit" by the Examiners for the Gaisford Prize in Greek Prose; and, in the summer of this

present year, I passed my Final Examination with Second Class Honours in Literæ Humaniores.

I now desire to devote myself to Literature and Higher Education, and if you do me the honour to appoint me to the Classical Chair in University College, Toronto, I shall do my utmost for their advancement in that city.

I am, GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

J. H. MUIRHEAD.

Annexed are Testimonials from—

I.

GEORGE G. RAMSAY, M.A., Professor of Humanity in the University of Glasgow.

II.

JOHN VEITCH, LL.D., Professor of Logic and Rhetoric in the University of Glasgow.

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F. DE PARAVICINI, M.A., Tutor, &c., of Balliol College, Oxford.

V.

E. ABBOTT, M.A., Fellow and Tutor of Balliol College, Oxford.

VI.

R. L. NETTLESHIP, M.A., Fellow and Tutor of Balliol College, Oxford.

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Rev. G. G. BRADLEY, Master of University College, Oxford.

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ALFRED GOODWIN, M.A., Professor of Latin in University College, London; Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford.

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TESTIMONIALS.

I.

From GEORGE G. RAMSAY, M.A., *Professor of Humanity in the University of Glasgow.*

April 1st, 1879.

MR. J. H. MUIRHEAD was a very distinguished Student of this University, especially in the departments of Classics and Philosophy. He attended the Latin Classes for two years, and during that time carried off several of the highest prizes open to him. He showed himself to be an excellent scholar, a sound thinker, and a most industrious worker. In his second year he carried off the chief of our open Scholarships or Bursaries, and at the close of his career here gained by competition an open Snell Exhibition to Balliol College, Oxford. At Oxford he has more than maintained the promise of his earlier career, and I have no doubt that he is in all respects well fitted for such a post as that of Professor of Classics in the University of Christ Church.

GEORGE G. RAMSAY.

II.

From JOHN VEITCH, LL.D., *Professor of Logic and Rhetoric in the University of Glasgow.*

Glasgow, March 31st, 1879.

MR. JOHN H. MUIRHEAD was a very highly distinguished Student of the Logic Class in this University in Session 1872-3. He gained the First Prize in the Junior Division of the class, of which from his age he was a member. He was also the first in the Voluntary Preliminary Examination of the same division of the class. Mr. MUIRHEAD subsequently prosecuted his philosophical studies with ardour and intelligence. He attended the Advanced Class of Metaphysics in the University, and in it gained the First Prize for an exceedingly able Essay on Causality. He was otherwise very highly distinguished as a Student of this University. He has since studied at Oxford, where he has extended his acquaintance with Classical Literature, for which he was previously known in this University.

Mr. MUIRHEAD is a young man of excellent character and very high attainments, and I am persuaded that if he were appointed to the Chair of Classical Literature in Canterbury College, he would discharge the duties with zeal, true interest, and high efficiency.

J. VEITCH.

III.

From EDWARD CAIRD, M.A., LL.D., *Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Glasgow: late Fellow and Tutor of Merton College, Oxford.*

The University, Glasgow,
April 6th, 1879.

I HAVE great pleasure in expressing my opinion of Mr. JOHN H. MUIRHEAD. He was a very distinguished Student during the whole of his curriculum in this University, especially in the Classical and Philosophical Classes. In the Moral Philosophy Class he was undoubtedly the first man of his year. I still remember the freshness, vigour, and even originality of his essays. He was in all respects an excellent student. Others will be able to speak with more knowledge and authority of his special qualifications for a Classical Chair, and I shall only venture to say that I know him to be a man of uncommon force of intellect, as well as of high principle, and that I believe him to be well fitted for the work of a Teacher.

EDWARD CAIRD.

IV.

From FRANCIS DE PARAVICINI, M.A., *Tutor, &c., of Balliol College, Oxford.*

Oxford, 24th March, 1879.

MR. J. H. MUIRHEAD, my friend and former pupil, is a man of very considerable Classical attainments, especially in Greek.

He has already attained a First Class in Classical Moderations, the account given of his work by the Examiners being that it was remarkably sound and good, and in his ensuing Examination in the Final Classical Schools, it is very likely that the result will be similar. He, moreover, was placed "*Proxime Accessit*" by the Judges of the Gaisford Prose Prize in 1878, and when I say that the composition for which he was thus placed was a Platonic Dialogue, it will be clear that the impression which his work gave me from the first—that he had a great "sense" of Greek—was confirmed by the judgment of others also. His general knowledge on Classical subjects is extensive and varied, and he brings much industry and much appreciative intelligence to bear on every subject with which he has to deal. I think, too, I have at times discerned in him traces of that enthusiasm without which a teacher's work is apt to be less fruitful than it might have been. The character he bears here is that of a stable and reliable man, and I quite agree with the general verdict.

Should he be elected, I have no doubt that he will discharge the duties of his post in an efficient and satisfactory way.

FRANCIS DE PARAVICINI.

V.

From EVELYN ABBOTT, M.A., *Fellow and Tutor of Balliol College, Oxford.*

April 5th, 1879.

MR. J. H. MUIRHEAD, of Balliol College, has asked me to write a word in his favour as a candidate for the Classical Professorship at Canterbury, New Zealand. This I do with much pleasure and confidence. Mr. MUIRHEAD has obtained a First Class in the First Public Examination at Oxford, and there is every reason to believe that he will get a First Class in the Second Public Examination to be held next June. He has also been "*Proxime Accessit*" for the Gaisford Prize in Greek prose composition. Therefore, so far as attainments go, Mr. MUIRHEAD is fully qualified for the post which he seeks to obtain.

In addition, I would recommend him as a man of strong common sense and clearness of mind. He has made good use of the teaching within his reach, and he would, I believe, be very efficient in imparting instruction to others in a clear and intelligible manner. He has a quite unusual power of putting down in a forcible and orderly way what he knows.

In character and conduct I have no hesitation in recommending Mr. MUIRHEAD.

EVELYN ABBOTT.

VI

From RICHARD LEWIS NETTLESHIP, M.A., *Fellow and Tutor of Balliol College, Oxford.*

March 28th, 1879.

I HAVE seen a good deal of Mr. MUIRHEAD'S work since he has been at Oxford. I think him an able man, hard working, clear-headed, and possessed of considerable powers both of acquisition and expression. He has a thorough knowledge of Greek and Latin, and can compose well in both languages.

I have no doubt that he would work with energy and success in any post to which he was appointed.

RICHARD LEWIS NETTLESHIP.

VII.

From the Rev. G. G. Bradley, *Master of University College, Oxford.*

University College, Oxford.
29th March, 1879.

Mr. J. H. Muirhead, when an Undergraduate of Balliol College, was a regular attendant at my lectures on Latin Composition. Of the large number who attended them, very few have made such steady and marked improvement, and very few indeed have reached a higher standard.

G. G. BRADLEY

VIII.

From ALFRED GOODWIN, M.A., *Professor of Latin in University College, London; Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford.*

London, April 5th, 1879.

I HAVE much pleasure in testifying to the satisfactory nature of Mr. J. H. MUIRHEAD'S work in Classics when he was my pupil at Balliol. What I saw of his was mainly Composition in Greek and Latin, and his ability, specially in the former, was marked. He appeared to me to have besides a genuine interest in Classical Study.

ALFRED GOODWIN, M.A.

Testl. al from B. Jowett Master of Balliol
(too late to be printed)

Oxford
Aug. 12th 1879

I have a high opinion of Mr. Muirhead's ability & attainments: He obtained a first class in the first & a second class in the second Classical Examination. In my judgement he is quite equal to many who have obtained a first class in both: He is clear-headed & sensible, very diligent & of pleasing manners. I think that he wd. be a useful & valuable Professor of Classics in the University of Toronto.

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